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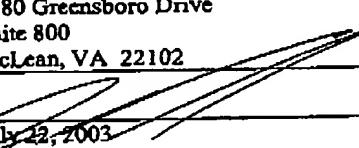
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Sir:

Further to Applicant's Response to the Notice Of Abandonment, filed December 4, 2003 and in response to the Office Communication dated July 14, 2004, as noted therein, in response to the Official Action dated April 28, 2003, Applicants had, hand carried, an Amendment on July 22, 2003 in the above-identified patent application in the normal course. Please find enclosed a copy of the date-stamped postcard evidencing the timely filing and receipt of the Amendment filed on July 22, 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the response filed July 22, 2003 is also enclosed.

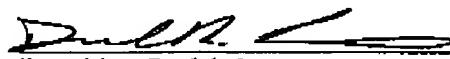
Accordingly, as noted in Applicant's previous response to the Notice of Abandonment, it is believed that the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be rescinded, that the application be revived, that the attached amendment be entered and fully considered by the Examiner and that the application be passed to issue.

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Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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